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For: LIQUID CONTAINER, LIQUID)
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INK JET)
RECORDING APPARATUS)
UTILIZING THE SAME, AND)
METHOD OF MOUNTING)
LIQUID CONTAINER ON)
RECORDING APPARATUS)

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U.S. Patent 5,187,498
Europe 1,013,445
Japan 6-320732
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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Korean patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Korean Office Action, which is dated December 3, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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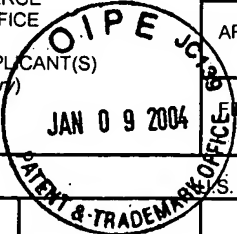
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